

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Chambers, to speak to the Hall amendment to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I am going to not go into some attitudes I have about the amendment, itself, and some of the language in it, but before I agree to Senator Hall's amendment, because, Senator Hall, this would have to do with the speaker making these appointments, is that what you said, because I was reading the amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Yes. Madam President and members, yes, Senator Chambers, it would change the language that is in the resolution from the presiding officer making the selection to the speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And you can stay on your feet, I will ask you this.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not everybody who would have an interest and something to contribute belongs to either political party, and I do think there are interests other than those which are served by the two political parties which ought to be represented. I believe there are people of intelligence, knowledge, education, training, and ability, who ought to be at a conference such as this. Otherwise, their point of view will be totally disregarded. Now the language, as I read it, now in the resolution says no more than two of the persons appointed would belong to the same political party.

SENATOR HALL: That is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there anything that says that all of the people who are appointed must belong to one political party or the other?

SENATOR HALL: No, Senator Chambers, and with the committee amendment, we do change that two to three because we upped the number of legislators from four to six. But there is nothing in there, for example, to prevent the speaker, if this amendment is adopted, from making an appointment of someone who belongs to neither political party.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I am in support of Senator